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## **Minutes**

**Louisiana Investment in Infrastructure for  
Economic Prosperity Commission  
(LIEP Commission)  
February 5, 2002  
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting @ State Capital Building, House Committee Room 2**

Dr. Kam Movassaghi called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Welcome by Dr. Kam Movassaghi. Dr. Movassaghi stated that the commission was created by Act 437, domiciles in DOTD, has 13 members and that he is the chair.

### **Introductions**

Commission responsibilities were summarized by Dr. Kam Movassaghi. This Commission will act as a policy committee to oversee the development of the Update of the Statewide Transportation Plan, currently underway, and oversee and guide implementation of the plan. It will also serve as an advocate for funding of transportation infrastructure and services that are critical to economic growth of Louisiana

Dr. Kalivoda gave an overview of the 1996 Statewide Intramodal Transportation Plan, including a history of its development and status of implementation.

Dr. Kalivoda introduced Mr. Dale Janik, Wilbur Smith Associates. Wilbur Smith Associates, along with a team of subconsultants, has been contracted by DOTD to update the 1996 Plan.

Mr. Janik gave an overview of the Plan Update activities completed to date, current status, and schedule for future work.

The proposed Values, Goals and Objectives for the Plan Update, include comments from Plan Update Advisory Councils and DOTD administration were presented to the Commission. Dr. Movassaghi requested that Commission members review the Values, Goals and Objectives before the next meeting. Note that new comments are reflected in red.

Open discussion -- Comment from Mr. Don Hutchinson, Secretary, La. Department of Economic Development stating that he did not see reference to fiber optics in any of the presentations. Dr. Kalivoda stated that fiber optics was not specifically included in presentations today, but that does not mean that it will not be addressed. The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Advisory Council will address this issue and consider the fiber optics cable

systems that have been implemented along the Interstate in La. Mr. Hutchinson recommended that the state be proactive in highlighting the fiber optics technology.

No other comments

The next meeting of the LIIEP Commission is set for March 4, 2002 from 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm. At that meeting Commission members will be given a summary of Louisiana transportation funding – where the monies come from and where the monies go, and that it will take to address major transportation infrastructure projects. It is anticipated that future LIIEP meetings will be limited to once a quarter.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.